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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY GIFTED AND
TALENTED PROGRAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study gifted and talented programs in this state. Such study shall
3 consider ways (1) to expand opportunities for gifted and talented
4 students, (2) to improve identification of gifted and talented students,
5 and (3) that state and local school districts can support gifted and
6 talented programs.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 who shall be a parent of a gifted and talented student;

10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
11 shall be a faculty member of an institution of higher education
12 specializing in the gifted and talented;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives, who shall be a teacher of gifted and talented students;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
16 a gifted and talented student;

17 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
18 Representatives, who shall be a member of a local or regional board of
19 education of a district with gifted and talented programs;

20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
21 a representative of the Connecticut Association for the Gifted;

22 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
23 and

24 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
25 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to education, or their designees.

27 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
28 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, or their
29 designees, shall be the chairpersons of the task force.

30 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
31 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
32 filled by the appointing authority.

33 (e) The chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task
34 force, which shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective
35 date of this section.

36 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
38 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

39 (g) Not later than January 1, 2004, the task force shall submit a
40 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
42 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-

43 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
44 that it submits such report or January 1, 2004, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study programs for gifted and talented students and to identify means to improve the way gifted and talented programs serve such students.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]